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STRIKE TIES UP SOUTHWESTERN

With the Cleveland, Southwestern & Columbus railroad it seems to be just "one thing after another." Whether the company was born on Friday, or neglected to tap on wood once in a while, isn't known, but that it is dogged by Nemesis can hardly be denied. Damage suits have erstwhile been its long suit, with storm held-up a close second. Within the week it has had a stomach-full of the latter, topped off with a full-fledged strike by its car men.

At 2 o'clock Monday morning a strike of 300 trainmen on the Southwestern stopped all traffic over the entire system of 217 miles. The men were working under a contract which has until April 1, 1918, to run, under which first year men receive 28 cents an hour, second year men 30 cents, and third year men 32 cents. Trainmen assert the company failed to recognize them when it was given a 25 per cent. increase in passenger fares by the State Utilities Commission, and that a train dispatcher and men at barns were allowed to take cars out on the system.

The employees also declare that men in sub-stations are working 12 hours a day at 16 1-2 cents an hour. They declared the company had violated nine of twenty-eight sections of its agreement, but the grievances were not enumerated.

Tracks of the company are buried beneath snow, and tons of it will have to be shoveled aside before cars can be operated in the event of a settlement before a thaw.

The strike has been the means of setting back business of all kinds along the entire line of the company's system, especially with regards to mails, express and freight, being perhaps even more noticeable because of the increased holiday trade.

Milk shippers have found other means of getting their product to the city, at great inconvenience, but several farmers are reported to have suffered severe losses during the first day or two of the strike because of ignorance that a strike was on. They deposited their filled cans at the stations as usual, only to discover later that they had not been removed and the cans were burst.

Two or three conferences were held this week between the representatives of the strikers and railroad officials, but without arriving at any satisfactory agreement, consequently traffic on the line is still tied up.

General Manager Schneider of the Southwestern has prepared the following statement for the Sentinel, which sets forth the company's claim relating to the strike:

In April, 1916, the train employees of the company made a request for a certain wage scale, namely:

28 cents per hour for 1st year men.
30 cents per hour for 2nd year men.
32 cents per hour for 3rd year men.
About seventy five percent of the trainmen are in the 3rd year class.

The company granted this request without any endeavor to negotiate at lower rates, and a contract was entered into between the company and the association of which the men are members, at said rates.

In April, 1917, the men desired some modifications of this contract in relation to the working conditions. These modifications were granted, and thereupon a new contract was entered into in April of this year, continuing until the first day of April, 1918, and thereafter, unless either party served 30 days' written notice of a desire to change.

Last week Saturday the men presented to the Executive Committee of the railroad company, a demand for an increase of eight cents per hour to each of the three classes of employees.

The company offered to enter into a contract to be dated and made effective from the first day of December, 1917, to expire one year from next April, at an increase of four cents an hour to each class of men.

The men declined to accept this proposition and have gone out on strike. On Dec. 10, the company telegraphed to W. D. Mahon, President of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Employees of America, Detroit, Mich., as follows:

"Take notice that Division No. 380 of Elyria, Ohio, has violated its contract dated April 1st, this year, and all trainmen have left the company's service."

The company Wednesday received the following telegram from President Mahon:

"Detroit, Mich. Dec. 12, 1917. 'Your communication notifying us that Division 380, of Elyria had violated its contract and suspended work, received. In reply I would inform you that the members of this division have taken this action contrary to our laws and against our advice.'

(signed) W. D. MAHON
The company makes this announcement of the situation so that the public may be fully advised.

NO HOME-COMING FOR CAMP SHERIDAN BOYS?

It is reported that none of the soldier boys stationed at Camp Sheridan, Alabama, will be permitted to return home for the holidays. They will be excused from drill from Saturday noon, Dec. 22, until Wednesday, Dec. 26, affording them three and one-half days in which to enjoy themselves.

Another report is to the effect that all wives of officers now in the South must return to their homes, as it is expected the 27,000 men now at Camp Sheridan will soon be on their way to France.

THREE NEW CITIZENS

Three Medina county men became brand new citizens of the United States last Saturday. They are Antonio Costello of Medina, Wm. B. B. Granger, and Joe Garafati of Wadsworth. All three took out their final papers Saturday in the County Clerk's office before Judge N. H. McClure, who administered the oath of citizenship. Previously Bader was a subject of the English government, and Costello and Garafati of the Italian government. The three men manifested considerable pleasure and satisfaction over their new citizenship.

Carlo Kovats of Montville had signified his intention of becoming a citizen at the same time, but failed to appear, presumably because of his nationality—he is a subject of the Austro-Hungarian empire and his application would have been rejected, on account of the strained relations between the United States and his mother country.

DEATH OF AGED WEYMOUTH LADY

Death added another to its toll of Medina county's pioneer women this week, in the person of Mrs. Louisa Upson of Weymouth, whose departure took place at the home of her son, Daniel White, at Weymouth, Monday, Dec. 10, at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Upson was a native of England where she was born June 13, 1842, she thus being in her seventy-sixth year at the time of her death. When a child she came to this country with her parents, the family settling in Lorain county. A few years later they moved to Weymouth, this county, where the deceased spent the remainder of her life.

She was twice married, first to Zachary White, after whose death she became the wife of Geo. Upson. To the former union were born three children, Daniel and Ross, both of Weymouth, and a child who died in infancy. There were no children by the later union.

Funeral services were held from the Daniel White home, Thursday, at 12:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. A. Town of the Congregational church at Mallet Creek. Burial was made at Medina Center.

FISH FRY FOLLOWS LAST COUNCIL MEET

The present village council met for the last time Tuesday night. But little business was transacted, tho a number of subjects were discussed. A number of bills were allowed and the Buckeye Engineering Co. presented its bond for the fulfillment of its paving contract with the village. The bond was turned over to the solicitor for examination. Street Commissioner Needham submitted a statement of what the village had saved in a financial way by the purchase of two horses last February. The horses cost \$475. According to Needham's report, on the basis of what would have had to be expended for the hire of horses for street work, hauling the fire engine, etc., the village horses have gained a net saving to the village of more than \$900.

Following the session, Mayor Randall invited the council and a few others to a fish-fry at the Winyah club. Those who enjoyed the mayor's generosity were E. R. Root, A. B. Underwood, Lyle Rollins, W. P. Ainsworth, L. W. Boyden, Omar Shaw, Dallas Warner, F. T. Burnham, A. F. Hange, A. L. Sedgwick, Herbert Needham, G. W. Reinhardt and T. P. Kellogg, the latter an engineer for the Buckeye Engineering Co. Mayor Randall was toastmaster and all indulged in friendly jabs at each other, the newspapers also coming in for their share.

CHAIN LETTERS FOR RED CROSS, TABOO

"Disregard and burn all so-called Red Cross chain letters which may reach you," says a statement from James R. Garfield manager of the Lake Division, American Red Cross. "Do this and you will save Red Cross chapter and headquarters endless explanatory correspondence. Still more important: you will relieve the already heavy mails of a growing and menacing congestion from the chain letter evil."

"The Red Cross has not authorized any form of the chain letter," yet many Medina citizens have recently received letters with request to help carry on a chain.

COTERIE CLUB PROGRAM

The next meeting of the Coterie club will be held next Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, at the home of Mrs. Clark Reinhardt, 345 East Washington street, when the following interesting program will be carried out in harmony with the season's thought, of "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

A prayer of guidance; roll call, Bible responses; "Jane Addams and Hull House," Mrs. W. A. Stanley; music, Mrs. Clark Reinhardt; "The Mind of the Churches," Mrs. P. N. Yoder; "What the Story of the Christ-Child Means to the World," Mrs. Nelson Shaw; music, "Silent Night."

NOTICE

News letters from Brunswick, Hinckley, and several other communities north of Medina failed to reach the Sentinel this week on account of the tieup on the Southwestern, which road usually carries those mails.

—The Henry W. Freese farm of 100 acres in Brunswick will be sold by the sheriff, at the court house, on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 1 o'clock p. m.

RECORD STORM STRIKES MEDINA

Medina Sunday, Monday and Tuesday was in the grip of the most severe cold weather experienced here in a number of years, and following close by Saturday's blizzard, the intense cold caused considerable and general discomfort. Train service was entirely disorganized, while farmers and residents in outlying districts were snow bound.

The temperature since Saturday averaged about 8 degrees below zero, reaching as low as 16 below Sunday morning, it was reported.

Schools in Medina, Spencer, Chatham, Poe, Seville and several other places were closed from one to three days, and it was also reported that many automobiles were stuck in snow drifts in different sections, especially south of here.

Local merchants state that business last Saturday and Monday was the poorest in many days.

None of the seven rural carriers were able to complete their trips on Monday, Albert Thomas of Route 2 being tipped over in the snow before his return.

Mails to and from Brunswick have been very irregular all the week. Postmaster Ora Ridiker of Brunswick having made a trip to Medina every other day since Monday. While here Thursday he stated that he had received instructions from Cincinnati to send Brunswick mail hereafter via the B. & O. at Valley City, until traffic over the Southwestern is resumed.

Fuel failure and deep snow drifts tied up the lines last Saturday, no cars being operated throughout the day, except two from the south that finally got as far as the Miller house Saturday afternoon. The blizzard that set in Saturday night was the final knock-out blow.

Cars started from Cleveland Saturday afternoon, but were blocked at a point midway between Berea and Strongsville, where they remained until 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, a period of twenty-four hours, when they finally pulled into Medina.

Among those who remained in one of the cars all this time were Mrs. H. P. Robinson, Miss Marian Ovsatt, Miss Florence Warner and nieces Isabelle and Bessie Warner of Medina. In this car and the two that followed were several passengers from Lodi and Wooster. Fortunately the cars were comfortably heated and the passengers accepted the situation as complacently as possible.

Sunday morning the train crew and some of the men passengers groped their way through snow drifts to a farm house and secured a pair of coffee and something to eat, a conductor freezing both ears during the trip, and the passengers arrived home toward evening none the worse for their experience.

The two cars from the south Saturday night had been since Friday evening getting from Seville to Medina. They reached the sub-station at Chipewa Lake early in the morning and the passengers waded over to Moore's hotel, some distance away, for breakfast and to get warm.

The weather had moderated on Wednesday and Thursday, although it was snowing again Thursday afternoon.

COUNTY CHAIRMEN TO SELL WAR STAMPS

Announcement is made from Columbus by H. P. Wolfe, director of the Ohio War Savings Committee, of chairmen of the county committees in this section of the state, Attorney F. W. Woods being named chairman for Medina county.

Mr. Woods has been forwarded complete details for handling the sale of thrift stamps and war saving stamps in his community. The work of the county organizations will be that generally of creating a demand for the stamps and at the same time providing "over the counter" facilities for their sale. The distributors are the postoffices, banks and other authorized agencies.

The county chairmen are advised that they may surround themselves with such advisors and secure such assistance in the form of an executive committee as they may deem necessary. The work of promoting the sale of war saving stamps is placed on the same basis as that of the liberty bond campaigns. The amount appropriated by Congress for expenses in distribution of the stamps is so small that it little more than provides the treasury department with sufficient funds to prepare the literature and get the campaign under way.

In his letter of instructions to the county chairmen, Director Wolfe says: "In the selection of your committee, politics should be avoided by all means. The very biggest men in the community should be available for this patriotic work, which is perhaps the most important from a social point of view that the United States has ever undertaken."

Ohio's quota of the \$2,000,000,000 issue of War Saving Stamps is \$106,000,000. This amount must be "saved" before next December.

SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC IN WADSWORTH

Wadsworth township centralized school was closed this week and probably will not open again until after the holidays, on account of an epidemic of small-pox. At least 30 individual cases of the disease were reported from Wadsworth Wednesday afternoon and 22 houses were already under quarantine.

DEATH ENDS LONG COMPANIONSHIP

Monday morning, Dec. 10, Mrs. Lucy A. Carrington, wife of Elias Carrington, died at her home, 137 Lafayette road, following illness dating from Thanksgiving day, although she had been in gradually failing health for some time, due to the natural infirmities of one of her advanced age.

In the death of this good woman there was broken a companionship of more than half a century, all of which, with the exception of two years spent in Oberlin, were passed in Medina township, and thirty-five years in Medina village, in the same home where on Monday she laid down the cares of life.

The deceased was a daughter of Thomas and Lucy Painter and was born in Weymouth, Oct. 19, 1842. She was twice married. Her first husband was Edwin Wise, who joined the northern army and lost his life soon after the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion, Sept. 17, 1865, she became the wife of Elias Carrington, who survives her.

Mrs. Carrington was a devout Christian woman, and had been identified with the Congregational church since childhood. She was also secretary and treasurer of the W. C. T. U. and had attended many state conventions as a delegate. She was greatly endeared to her home, where she loved to be, and where her presence was a benediction and joy to her venerable mate. Her genial nature and kindly face will be missed in Medina by a wide circle of friends.

Besides the husband the deceased is survived by two half brothers—Rev. H. K. Painter of Minneapolis, Minn., and Hon. W. D. Painter of Binghampton, N. Y., both of whom were in Medina on Sunday, to attend the burial of their mother, Mrs. Thomas Painter, notice of whose death in Minneapolis appeared in last week's Sentinel and whose body was brought here for interment. Mrs. Painter was a step-mother of Mrs. Carrington.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lucy Carrington were held from the home Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Wm. J. Drew and Rev. S. F. Dimmock, respectively pastors of the Congregational and Baptist churches. Burial was made in Spring Grove cemetery.

BOND INTEREST DUE ON SATURDAY

Saturday is the date for the first interest payment on the \$2,000,000,000 3 1/2% Liberty loan. All banks will cash the coupons, which are virtually money, for they are as direct an immediate obligation of the U. S. as a dollar bill, providing the bonds arrive on time.

Local banks were advised Monday that the bonds would probably reach here by Wednesday, but they did not, nor were they here on Thursday.

A circular from the Federal Reserve Bank at Cleveland Thursday morning stated that deliveries will begin this week, but it is quite apparent that deliveries cannot be completed by Dec. 15, the date when the first coupon is payable. It was thought only fair to deliver the 4 per cent. bonds of the second loan to subscribers first, doubtless because these bonds are the first official evidence of their investment, whereas, in the case of the Conversion bonds, the subscribers to the first loan at least had the opportunity to secure interim certificates, and in most cases had delivery of such certificates.

It is also stated that bonds of \$100 denominations will be the first ones delivered.

On the two billion of bonds, the interest to be distributed Saturday would be \$35,000,000, but some holders already have converted their 3 1/2% into 4s and they will receive interest at the higher rate for a certain portion of the half year, depending on when they were converted.

QUESTIONNAIRES GO OUT SATURDAY

Secretary of the County Draft Board Harry Hiers announces that he will begin mailing out the questionnaires to registrants on Saturday of this week, and will continue to send them out at the rate of 100 a day until the entire list of registrants has been covered.

If the questionnaires properly filled out are not back in the hands of the county draft board within seven days, the registrant can be placed in class 1, where he is subject to war service regardless of condition.

While in some counties the draft board have had difficulty through registrants changing their addresses since they registered, Secretary Hiers says he has had no trouble of this kind.

The office reports that it has had no official word as to the date of sending to camp the next contingent of soldiers.

SOLDIERS REMEMBERED

Fourteen soldier boys at Camp Sheridan will be made happy within the next few days through the thoughtfulness and generosity of the Woman's Relief Corps of Medina. The corps requested Private Ford Cannon, who is at Camp Sheridan, to take names of 14 boys, who were without friends and relatives. He did so, and on Thursday of this week 14 boxes of home-made candy, nuts, figs, fruits, etc., were mailed to the boys, each box addressed separately. The boys were picked from different companies and are unknown to the people of Medina.

HENRY BACHTTELL DEAD

Henry Bachtell, well-known and esteemed citizen, died Friday, Dec. 11, at the county infirmary, where he had resided for the past two or three years. Mr. Bachtell was a native of Lafayette township and had reached the advanced age of 79 years. In early life and for many years he successfully conducted a livery business in Grand Rapids, Mich., in which city he also was married. For some time previous to his removal to the infirmary he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Miller of the south pike, and became familiar to many Medina people, old and young, by his habit of driving the Miller ponies frequently to town. He was a man of friendly nature and leaves many friends. Following a brief service Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Phillip Keller, the body was shipped to Grand Rapids, for burial beside that of his wife, who has been dead many years.

WANT EVERY HOME A RED CROSS HOME

The American Red Cross has planned a national membership drive for Dec. 17-24. It hopes to increase the number of members from five millions to fifteen millions. To reach this goal Red Cross workers all over America next week will unite their efforts and they have adopted as their motto "Every American Home a Red Cross Home."

The success of this Christmas drive will result in the raising of a mighty civilian army to help in relieving the wants and sufferings of our brave soldiers and sailors. Its success means more practical aid on the battle-field and in the hospital; it will be a powerful inspiration to the armies of our country and its allies, it will promote among the people enthusiasm and patriotism, and it will serve notice on Germany that America stands firmly by the government in its determination to win this war for freedom and democracy.

Ohio's quota in this drive has been set at nine hundred thousand, of whom forty-two hundred is the share of the Medina county chapter. There are already about 2800 members, who were secured last summer and fall, so at least 1400 more names are needed to complete our quota.

The county Red Cross organization, with headquarters at C. D. Wightman's office, has planned that the canvass be conducted from Dec. 17-24, in each township and village, under the management of the regular local director and membership committee, who will divide their territory into districts and provide the canvassers for each district. Every home, so far as possible, is to be visited and each member of the family will be urged to enroll. A Red Cross button and a service flag will be given to each new member and to each old member who is willing to enroll for the calendar year, 1918.

The mission of the Red Cross is inspired with the highest and most unselfish motives, and there are but few people in Medina county, who cannot afford to pay the one dollar membership fee. The canvassers for new members merit and should receive a cordial and responsive reception in the home of every true and patriotic American.

The Medina Village local canvass for members will be conducted under the management of a committee consisting of Mrs. Frank Spellman, Mrs. H. S. Orr, Mrs. H. P. H. Robinson, Mrs. Clark Reinhardt and Mrs. J. R. Kennan. They have divided the village into fifteen districts, and the canvassers for each district are chosen from the King's Daughters' circles.

Mrs. H. S. Orr has been appointed as treasurer, and beginning next Monday afternoon, during the week of the drive, she will be at Fuller's store, which has been selected as the local headquarters where membership tickets may be obtained.

Medina village canvassers will meet at the Winyah club tomorrow (Saturday), at 2 o'clock, to receive instructions and supplies of buttons and service flags.

MILK MEN MEET

There was only a fair attendance at the meeting of the Auxiliary of the Northern Ohio Milk Producers' association held at the court house last Friday, for the purpose of discussing the present milk situation. The meeting was addressed by H. W. Ingersoll of Elyria, president of the association. No formal action of any kind was taken.

According to Mr. Ingersoll the milk situation is very acute, and while no definite price has been set for December, milk is being shipped and will be at least until the 15th on the following basis:

Milk shipped direct to Cleveland on a butter-fat basis at 30 cents a gallon, f. o. b. cars Cleveland, with 4 cents a point for each point of butter-fat in excess of 3.7 per cent.

Milk at creameries on or within a mile of railroad station, \$3.05 a hundred on a butter-fat basis. At creameries more than a mile from station, \$3.00 a hundred on a butter-fat basis. Milk shipped to Cleveland where butter-fat basis is not recognized, 31c a gallon.

"It is important to note this distinction," said Mr. Ingersoll, "because much of the milk going to Cleveland is better than 3.7 per cent. in butter-fat, and if you do not get this additional cent per gallon, or 31 cents, you are not fair to the fellows who pay on a butter-fat basis."

Barring any other arrangements the above rates will continue after Dec. 15.

TIGHTENING COILS ON FOOD SHARKS

That the government is resolute in its determination to curb or prevent inflation of food prices, along with its policy of conservation and unfair storage, is apparent from the bulletins of instruction sent almost daily to the members of the county board recently appointed by Federal Food Administrator of Ohio, Fred C. Croxton, of which County Auditor Geo. McNeal is chairman.

With these bulletins are also copies of orders sent by the administration to wholesale and retail dealers of staple foods defining specifically what is expected of them by the government with respect to hoarding and unfair prices. The articles enumerated below, under the regulations of the U. S. Food Administration shall be sold at not more than a reasonable advance over the actual purchase price of the particular foods sold, without regard to the market or replacement value at the time of such sale:

Cleaned rice, rice-flour, oleomargarine, lard, lard substitutes, oleo oil, cooking fats, condensed, evaporated or powdered milk, fresh, canned or cured beef, pork, or mutton, canned peas, canned dried beans, canned tomatoes, canned corn, canned salmon, canned sardines, dried prunes, dried apples, dried peaches, dried raisins, syrups, molasses, clarified, plantation-washed and open-kettle sugars.

The Food Administration now determines and announces that for the purpose of determining such basis of cost, the owner may average the purchase price to him of goods actually purchased by him before Nov. 1, 1917, if he desires to do so. However, if he exercises this option, he must not in any case average the cost of one commodity with another; for example, he may average the purchase price to him of all beans purchased before Nov. 1, 1917, but he must not average beans with peas or rice, or with any other commodity whatever. Beet sugar must not be averaged with cane sugar.

If the merchant determines to average and once exercises that option, he must not again average his cost of the same commodity; for example, if as a basis of determining profit in conformity with the President's regulations, he averages the cost to him of two or more lots of corn actually purchased before Nov. 1, 1917, whether delivered or not, he must not again average any lot whatever of corn. These regulations will probably be more difficult to apply to canned goods than to any other one class of articles. In order that the supply of canned goods bought on a lower price basis may be equitably distributed among consumers, the Federal Food Administration for Ohio requests every retailer in Ohio to limit his sales of canned goods until further notice to four cans to each commodity to any one customer representing a household of ordinary size.

The retailer must not be a party to any arrangement whereby any consumer is enabled to secure an unfair amount of canned goods, and in case any attempt is made to accumulate a large quantity, the matter should be reported to the Federal Food Administrator for Ohio at Columbus. In order that there may be equitable distribution among retailers, the whole sales have been instructed to limit their sales of canned goods according to the needs of the retailer. Since Nov. 17, all combination sales of food commodities are forbidden, with one exception.

The sale of one or more food commodities, upon condition that the purchaser shall buy one or more other food commodities from the seller, is regarded as a combination sale within the meaning of the above ruling. Combination sales frequently result in the sale of more foodstuffs than the particular purchaser would ordinarily buy, and are therefore determined to be a wasteful practice that is prohibited.

The exception to this ruling, as a wheat conservation measure, gives the dealer the right to sell sugar in combination with corn meal, at the rate of one pound of sugar with two of corn meal. No other combination will be permitted, nor will any other ration than that here stated be allowed.

The dealer shall not sell either the sugar or corn meal at a price yielding him a profit greater than he has normally enjoyed upon the particular commodity.

RUN OVER EMBANKMENT, BUT SLIGHTLY INJURED

W. H. Ingersoll and wife of Elyria, the former president of the Northern Ohio Milk Producers' association, met with an auto accident last Friday night while enroute home from Medina, where Mr. Ingersoll had addressed a meeting of county milk producers earlier in the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingersoll were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hobart while here and left the latter home about 5 p. m. to drive to Elyria. About half way between Medina and Mallet Creek, the machine, a Cadillac, skidded and went over a rather deep embankment. The machine was not upset, but careened over on its side. Mr. Ingersoll escaped without injury, tho Mrs. Ingersoll received several painful bruises, not of a serious nature.

Dr. H. P. H. Robinson was driving by a few moments afterward and assisted Mr. and Mrs. Ingersoll into his own machine and brought them back to Medina, where they remained at the Hobart home for the night, returning to Elyria on Saturday. The car was not badly damaged and was hauled to Medina for repairs.

—C. B. Blakelee is reported critically ill at his home on Center road.